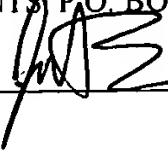
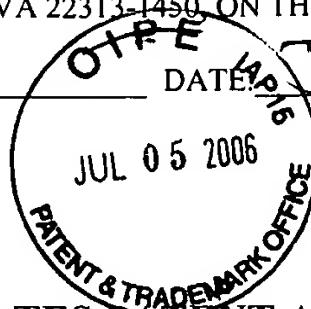


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COMMUNICATION

This Communication is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Response to the Final Office Action dated June 2, 2005, and a petition for five (5) month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time to respond to July 3, 2006 (July 2, 2006 being a Sunday) in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 2, 2005.

The enclosed Response has been amended in view of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 27, 2005. Specifically, the claim identifier "Previously Presented" has been added to claim 40. In addition, the name of the Response has been changed from Amendment to Response in view of the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief. Additionally, the first page of the Response has been changed to reflect the accompanying RCE and petition for five (5) month extension of time, and associated fee. The signature block on the final page has been changed to reflect the name, contact information and registration number of the undersigned, and the list of enclosed documents has been changed to reflect the enclosures to be found herewith.

The Claims and Remarks section of the present Response remain identical to those in the Amendment filed on December 2, 2005. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments made to the present Response.

Summary

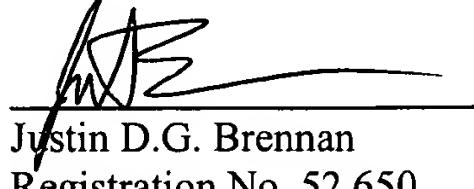
No new matter has been added by way of the amendments made to the present Response. Reconsideration of the Response is earnestly requested in light of the accompanying RCE, petition for five (5) month extension of time, and associated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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